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Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Montana State Parks (a division of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; FWP) proposal to conduct forest management treatments on approximately 30 acres of its 42-acre Salmon Lake State Park, located in Region 2 FWP in Missoula County. The treatments would involve the removal of primarily conifer trees (both of merchantable and nonmerchantable value) for the purpose of mitigating hazard trees in developed park areas, reducing hazardous fuels in the wildland urban interface (WUI), and increasing resiliency of forested areas to insects and diseases. Treatments would be a combination of mechanized and non-mechanized methods

The EA may also be obtained by:

- mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula 59804;
- phoning 406-542-5540;
- emailing shrose@mt.gov;
- viewing FWP's Internet website http://fwp.mt.gov ("News," then "Recent Public Notices"); or
- viewing Montana State Parks website http://stateparks.mt.gov/ ("Public Comment & Notices").

Comments may be made online on either of the EA's two webpages (above) or may be directed by mail or email to the addresses above. Comments must be received by FWP no later than September 28, 2020.

As part of the decision-making process under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), I expect to issue the Decision Notice for this EA very soon after the end of the comment period.

Sincerely,

Randy Arnold Regional Supervisor

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